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Pages Learn About Legislature

Pages write bills

On Monday and Tuesday, each page wrote a bill designed to solve a problem. Topics for bills included driving age, noise control, reduced school hours for high-schools students, and cell-phone use. They reflect real issues that affect teen-age lives in Washington State. Once bills were printed, pages solicited so-sponsor signatures.



Supporting The Teen Driving Act Is Supporting Your Life.

Senator Matthew Anderson introduced Senate bill 6666, which addresses the issue of responsible driving. “The bill is a good one because it will cut down on the amount of people killed and injured by drunk drivers,” said Senator Anderson. The teens from 16 through 18 can only have a driving permit. Teens at the age of 16 will be able to drink alcohol but if found intoxicated through the age of 18 they will pay a \$100 fine and 1 day in prison. after the first time the teen will pay, not the parent, \$100 more and spend 1 more day in prison. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19, 2005.

Eliminate Speed Bumps

Today, Senator Kearney Bangs introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of speed bumps. “The bill is a good one because it will prevent car damages from oversized speed bumps,” said Senator Kearney Bangs. This bill will make it illegal for people to make gravel and paved speed bumps over one foot. Senator Bangs promises this will protect cars from . The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Month Day, Year.



Stop Speeding On Roads

Today, Representative Beckmann introduced House bill 1001, which addresses the issue of speeding on country roads. “The bill is a good one because speeding on country roads,” said Representative Beckmann. IT CAN CAUSE ACCIDENTS. IT ALSO CAN CAUSE UNNECCESARY NOISE WHEN HAVING TO STOP AND PEOPLE CAN GET RUN OVER. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

Keeping minds clean

Senator DianaBenton introduced Senate bill 7777, which addresses the issue of Pornagraphic images. “The bill is a good one because it helps citizens of Washington to keep their minds clean ,” said Senator Diana Benton. This bill prohibits any one to buy, sell, infer to see, display , or show on public television and pornagraphic material. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

Board game simulates bill process.

On Tuesday, pages played a board game designed to simulate for them the process by which a bill becomes a law in Washington State. They came to understand that only about ten percent of the bills that are introduced actually become laws. They also experienced the frustration of having a bill “die” in the middle of the process.



Limited Studded Tires

Senator Kyle Buse introduced Senate bill 5913, which addresses the issue of studded tires. “The bill is a good one because it will make for safer roads, that will not need to be maintained as much,” said Senator Kyle Buse. This bill makes studded tires illegal, unless you are in an area known for icy roads or snow storms. People who are innexperienced drivers, or disabled to the point where they are un able to put chains on their tires will be exempt from this law. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

8.8% Tax Scams

Today, Senator Aleksandra Chevskaya introduced Senate bill 5255, which addresses the issue of 8.8% Taxes. “The bill is a good one because it encourages markets to display the Washington sales tax on the price tags,” said Senator Aleksandra. When purchasing a product every person should be aware of the price of the product that includes the washington state tax (8.8%). The final price of the product should be displayed on the price tag which includes the earlier calculated tax. Stores need to indicate the exact value of 8.8% of the merchandise price.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

Too Many Puppies, Not Enough Puppy Chow!

Representative Stephanie Davies introduced House bill 4651, which addresses the issue of animal mistreatment due to the excessive number of pets/ animals in one home. "The bill is a good one because it will ensure that pets/ animals are not subject to mistreatment due to someone else's problem," said Representative Stephanie Davies. A law will be put in to effect 60 days after the governor signs it. If anyone is found to have 5 or more of the same species of animal (except fish) will be fined \$100 for every animal over the number 4 and all pets/ animals will be confiscated until proper permit is obtained. Special consideration will be taken for those pets who became pregnant. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

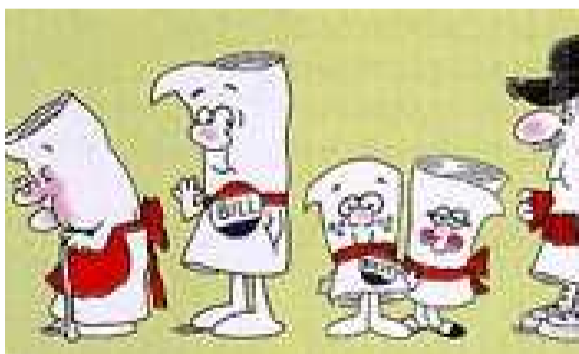


Special WASL treatment for some students proposed

Today, Senator Ebrahimi introduced Senate bill 5000, which addresses the issue of 10th grade WASL. "The bill is a good one because it provides all disabled students an equal opportunity to pass the WASL," said Senator Ebrahimi. This bill will allow all school districts to assign special teachers to read students with a reading level of below ninth grade level the WASL exam. It will also provide all students who don't have a writing level of at least ninth grade have a teacher who will write for them. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19, 2005.

I'm Just A Bill video provides review of bill process

After playing the Bill Process Game, pages viewed the video *I'm Just A Bill*. Many of them stated that they remembered viewing this in elementary school. This short video accurately illustrates all of the steps in the process.



Make School Calendars Better

Representative Habiba Mohamed introduced House bill 1595, which addresses the issue of making school calendars better. "The bill is a good one because I'll make the school calendar better," said Representative Habiba Mohamed. This bill will make it so that all the different students are given their breaks from school depending on when their religious holidays are. The

bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

I Have Something To Tell You...I See Obese People

Today, Representative James Hong introduced House bill 3569, which addresses the issue of Down sizing Super sizing. "The bill is a good one because it will lower the population of obesity," said Representative James Hong. This bill is to help the people of today. By reducing the amount of fast food intake it will lower the unhealthy habits. This can also help reduce the amount of people who have higher heart rates, and blood pressure. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19, 2005.

No Snacks In Class Disturbing Learning?

Representative Jamie Smith introduced House bill 1052, which addresses the issue of not being able to eat snacks during the day decreases the learning of academics. "The bill is a good one because it can/will increase the learning ability in the state," said Representative Jamie Smith. The bill is to have schools either sell or let kids bring little snacks so they can feel satisfied during the day. Kids who don't eat breakfast have a long wait till lunch, and are still sleepy in the morning. Having a snack throughout the day would increase the rate of being more aware and constantly focusing. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19, 2005.

Olympia Cracks Down On DWI Violators

Today, Representative Chelsea Kellogg introduced House bill 1245, which addresses the issue of deferments for alcoholics on DWI charges. "The bill is a good one because it cracks down on criminals who use alcoholism as an excuse to get out of serving their time in jail. Criminals who would regularly keep offending will be put in jail straight away, protecting our children from the dangers of intoxicated drivers on the road," said Representative Kellogg. This bill takes away an alcoholics right to take a deferment on their sentence for a DWI. People have been rallying around this bill, hoping that it might make some difference in the safety of our children. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19, 2005.

Pages lobby their own bills

Pages practiced several lobbying techniques as they encouraged their colleagues to support their bills in committee hearings. They created posters, white papers, and speeches. In addition, pages completed media releases for this newsletter.



Hunting, Fishing, Trapping Rights Protected

Senator Maleah Heldreth introduced Senate bill 8991, which addresses the issue of preserving our hunting, fishing and trapping heritage. "The bill is a good one because we should protect the things that we believe in," said Senator or Representative Maleah Heldreth. The bill talks about how it will preserve our hunting fishing and trapping heritage. It will be illegal to vote away the rights of the people of the state of Washington to hunt, fish and trap. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19, 2005.

Dogs To Be Kept Controlled At All Times!

Today, Senator Rebekah Bahrt introduced Senate bill 8999, which addresses the issue of dog control. "The bill is a good one because it will decrease injuries and accidents related to stray dogs, and will keep pet owners in control.," said Senator Bahrt. The bill is designed to make sure that dog owners are in control of their dogs at all times, and to keep the number of strays and lost dogs to a minimum. It requires that dogs are in fenced yards, or on a leash or lead at all times. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19th, 2005.



Personality And IQ Tests To Be Required For Gun Ownership!

Today, Senator Foster introduced Senate bill 8330, which addresses the issue of gun ownership. "The bill is a good one because it prevents people who are unfit to be able to handle the kind of responsibility that a gun requires. It ensures that the only people who will have legal access to one of man kinds most dangerous weapons will be the people who are fit to do so," said Senator Foster. It will require people who want to own a gun to pass both a personality test and an IQ test. The personality test will have to show that they are not likely to commit a crime with a gun, and the IQ test must show that they have at least average intelligence. It will also make it a felony to own a gun without a permit. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19, 2005.

License Too Late?

Today, Representative Wilkens introduced House bill 1777, which addresses the issue of young adults getting their license at the age of 15 instead of 16. "The bill is a good one because It would protect many young boys and girls and save the time millions of adults," said Representative Wilkens. If the bill is passed young adults will be able to get there license at the age of 15 so that they will have to take a class to be safe instead of crossing the street without looking and getting hit or possibly even killed, or catching the bus and being raped by horrible people. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

Committees debate bills, vote

Pages participated in simulated committee hearings on Wednesday. They read their bills and 'committee' members, governed by the rules of parliamentary procedure, and debated the pros and cons of the bills.

Amendments were proposed, some of which passed, most of which did not. When pages voted on bills, many ideas were passed on to an imagined legislative body



Graduation Requirements Reduced!

Representative Martha Naubert introduced House bill 4793, which addresses the issue of passing the WASL to graduate. "The bill is a good one because it will help increase the number of graduating students and decreases the amount of stress students deal with," said Representative Naubert. The bill states that every school that requires students to pass the WASL to graduate high school or any other grade will be guilty of misdemeanor and the schools administrator that allowed this will be sent to jail. Although students can be required to take the test it is illegal to require them to pass it. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

Students to Leave Campus During Day

Today, Representative Porsche Strebe introduced House bill 2315, which addresses the issue of students' ability to leave school campus during school hours. "The bill is a good one because it promotes responsibility among students," said Representative Porsche Strebe. Bill 2315 allows high school students to leave school campus at any appropriate time during school hours. Students are allowed to leave in order to purchase lunch, retrieve homework from home, etc. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

Why Shouldn't We Work

Senator Alexander introduced Senate bill 5463, which addresses the issue of jobs for the youth. "The bill is a good one because it teaches responsibility, character, and equips the youth for the real world," said Senator Alexander. this bill lets 14-15 year olds that have good grades, meet minimum requirements, and are willing to work an equal chance at getting a job. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 1 18, 2005.

Four years is enough

Today, Representative Zahra Mohamed introduced House bill 1398, which addresses the issue of education. "The bill is a good one because it reduces stress and disappointment on students," said Representative Zahra Mohamed. this bill will not allow teachers to quit teaching before 4 years. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

Budget debate stirs emotions

Using actual state budget figures, pages debated how to balance the state's operating budget. Their task was to make up a \$2.65 billion deficit. "Is it always this hard?" asked a page as the debate intensified.

Cigarettes Made Illegal

Today, Senator Erica Clifford introduced Senate bill 5464, which addresses the issue of smoking. "The bill is a good one because it will drastically reduce the number of preventable deaths in the United States by starting in Washington," said Senator Erica Clifford. This

bill will make all tobacco products illegal, and in doing so reduce the preventable death rate immensely. The number of deaths due to smoking will decrease, as will the number of deaths due to secondhand smoking. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19th, 2005



Rep. Butler Introduces Bill Allowing Public Displays Of Affection

Representative Butler introduced House bill 1234, which addresses the issue of Public Displays of Affection in school. "The bill is a good one because it will promote students enjoyment at school," said Representative Butler. Students will be allowed to hug, but no hugging will be allowed. Students will also be allowed to slow dance. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19, 2005.

Clean And Free Elections!

Today, Representative Therese Charba introduced House bill 1989, which addresses the issue of Voter Registration. "The bill is a good one because it will help prevent fraud and make our elections fair and legal," said Representative Charba. Bill 1989 is about registering to vote which will ensure clean and fair elections. It will prevent double voting, felons voting and, people who have already died from voting. Lots of people believe that the election of 2004 wasn't done legally and with this bill, hopefully, this will never happen again. We deserve to have elections where you can vote and know that your vote will make a difference, the difference that you choose. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

Teenage Driving Advancement

Senator Kathryn Dittamore introduced Senate bill - 7658, which addresses the issue of Teenage Driving. "The bill is a good one because teenagers will at least have one alcoholic beverage before the age of 21. We need a change in the law so that we don't have to be scared about drunk teenage drivers on the road, let alone adults," said Senator Dittamore. The bill requires teenagers to pass a certain list of requirements in order to get their permit and license. If they are found drunk while driving, then they will be suspended for 365 days and won't be allowed to drive. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18th, 2005.



Senator Benson



Representative Kilmer

Brown, Benson, Kilmer, Eide visit, speak, answer questions

Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown (D-3) visited Page School on Tuesday, and Senator Brad Benson (R-6), Representative Derek Kilmer (D-26), and Senator Tracey Eide (D-30) joined the pages during their classes on Thursday. Each of them told students about how they came to be involved in politics and were elected to their offices, and they discussed issues they are working on during this session.

What We Should Do For The Teachers Hard Work

Today, Senator Emily Dixon introduced Senate bill 6111, which addresses the issue of raising a teacher's salary. "The bill is a good one because teachers give a lot of effort and hard work to making us more knowledgeable in the world," said Senator Dixon. The teachers should get a raise in their salary. Because they put so much effort in teaching us things we need to know in the future. Also what they teach will help us conquer our dreams.

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Senator Brown



Senator Eide

Rep. Matthew Johnson Presents A Firearms Bill

Representative Matthew Johnson introduced House bill 4116, which addresses the issue of fire arms being brought onto school grounds. "The bill is a good one because it will make school grounds safer," said Representative Matthew Johnson. This bill will allow people with concealed Pistol Permits to bring their weapons onto school grounds. Having these weapons on school grounds will stop criminals from committing crimes there. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19, 2005.

Teenagers Should Work!

Today, Senator Michael Williams introduced Senate bill 5019, which addresses the issue of teenagers should be able to work so that they can get money for many things and get the experience for a better job. "The bill is a good one because it will help teenagers in many ways," said Senator Michael Williams. This bill will make it so that teens from the age 14-18 to work and get experience. They should not get any taxes taken out because they don't have a house of their own. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Jan 18, 2005.

Better School Lunches

Today, Representative James Stairer introduced house bill 4444, which addresses the issue of School lunches. "The bill is a good one because Schools need better lunches," said Representative James Stairer. This bill will make the lunches a little bit more edible. The kids

will like the food more and buy more food from the cafeteria. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

Pages celebrate, mingle at Thursday pizza party

Thursday afternoon, pages took a break from their regular duties and socialized with each other while eating pizza. This was an opportunity for House and Senate pages to mingle and get acquainted.

No more tattoos proposed

Representative Jacob Alexander introduced House bill 1087, which addresses the issue of Tattoos. "The bill is a good one because it keep all american skin free of ink and keep the American money where it belongs... in their pockets," said Representative Jacob Alexander. This bill keeps American Skin free. As well as keeps the money in their pockets. As well as putting all tattoo parlors out of business. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 1/ 19, 05.



Only You Can Prevent People From Getting Fat

Today, Representative Camille Anderson introduced House bill 3030, which addresses the issue of fast food restaurants and the role they are playing in the obesity epidemic. "The bill is a good one because I think that as a state, we need to start paying attention to what we are eating and how it impacts our health," said Representative Camille Anderson. This bill will make it illegal for fast food restaurants not to have a poster in the direct view of the public with the caloric content and nutritional value of each item on the menu. This will make people aware of the fact that what they are eating may or may not have any nutritional value whatsoever. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19, 2005.

Elderly Drivers

Today, Representative Duncan introduced House bill 2567, which addresses the issue of elderly drivers licenses. "The bill is a good one because It will reduce traffic an increase the use of public transportation," said Representative Duncan. I want to have people the age of 75 or older retake the drivers test to see if they should still be on roads.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19, 2005.

Lost No More

Senator Jewel Shrout introduced Senate bill 5832, which addresses the issue of lost dogs. "The bill is a good one because it addresses a problem that many of us can relate to," said Senator Jewel Shrout. This bill explains a way in which we can keep our dogs safer and with us longer. Every day hundreds of dogs run away from their home, hundreds get euthanized, and only a couple hundred are being adopted out of pounds. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 1, 2005.

Jeopardy creates hit

On Friday, pages tested their knowledge of the Legislative process in a spirited game of jeopardy. Winning teams were awarded certificates and brightly colored stickers that they wore proudly for the rest of the day.

Raise High School Students' Grades

Representative Keahey introduced House bill 2606, which addresses the issue of high school grade standards. "The bill is a good one because it will help the economy by helping kids to learn more and then they will have a better chance of going to college and getting a better job and then getting more money to put back into economy," said Representative Keahey. This bill is trying to get grading standards raised so that the low-performance students are more encouraged to work harder. Then the higher-performance students do not get bored with school because of the low-performance students dragging them down.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 20, 2005.

Less Homework For A Better Education

Today, Representative Lorissa Williams introduced Senate bill 8523, which addresses the issue of too much homework in schools. "The bill is a good one because less homework means kids don't have to push themselves to the limit.," said Representative Williams. This bill will give kids less homework so they don't have to go crazy trying to find the answer. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19, 2005.

What Do You Want Your Kids Eating?

Senator Lauren Lynch introduced Senate bill 5682, which addresses the issue of unhealthy school lunches. "The bill is a good one because growing children need heathy fruits and vegetables to grow in be successful adults ,," said Senator Lauren Lynch. This bill will force schools to provide children with a healthy meal comprised with one serving of every food group excluding fats and sugars. If a school fails to provide a healthy meal described by this bill, the school will be fined fifty dollars for each month it hasn't done so. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19th, 2005.



Kid-Safe TV May Be On The Way

Today, Representative Alexandra McElroy introduced House bill 2388, which addresses the issue of Television Content Targeted at Children. "The bill is a good one because kids are being introduced to all kinds of content they really shouldn't be watching during the after-school and evening time blocks," said Representative McElroy. The bill will limit programming between 2 and 9 p.m. to content rated "PG" or lower as well as limiting advertising of teen-rated movies, shows, and video games. Broadcast stations face stiff penalties for violations. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19, 2005.

Free Cell Phones For Emergency Situations

Today, Senator Dominic O'Donnell introduced Senate bill 7025, which addresses the issue of free cell phones for emergency purposes. "The bill is a good one because it could easily save lives," said Senator Dominic O'Donnell. This bill would give away free cell phones for emergency purposes. This could save a large number of lives. The phones could be cheap and easy to obtain. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

Teenagers In The Legislature

Representative Provenzano introduced House bill 1212, which addresses the issue of school starting times. "The bill is a good one because teenagers are the people of tomorrow, and they need to learn well, even if it means we must change school schedules," said Representative Provenzano. This bill states that all High Schools and Middle Schools must have their starting hour at at least 9:00 am. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19th, 2005.

Viva La Music

Today, Senator Rose Saporito introduced Senate bill 1001, which addresses the issue of headphones in schools. "The bill is a good one because music is proven to motivate people, reduce levels of stress and anxiety, and increase concentration," said Senator Rose Saporito. This bill will promote the use of headphones in schools including classrooms, under the condition that the students can accurately hear the teachers. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 19, 2005.

Marijuana Is A Medical Substance!

Senator Nehemiah Vaughan introduced Senate bill 6789, which addresses the issue of Medical Marijuana. "The bill is a good one because This Bill is very good because it will help citizens that have medical attention with the disease of cancer," said Senator Nehemiah Vaughan. Marijuana is the cannabis plant. A preparation made from the dried flower clusters and leaves of the cannabis plant, usually smoked or eaten to induce euphoria. : a strong-smelling plant from whose dried leaves a number of euphoriant and hallucinogenic drugs are prepared, marihuana, ganja, Cannabis sativa the most commonly used illicit drug; considered a soft drug, it consists of the dried leaves of the hemp plant; smoked or chewed for euphoric effect cannabis, marihuana, ganja. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 17, 2005.

Children's Long Days Of School

Today, Senator Katherine Weaver introduced Senate bill 5367, which addresses the issue of the length of a school day. "The bill is a good one because children get tired of school after two hours," said Senator Katherine Weaver. This bill will help kids have more time to think, do homework and hang out with friends. If they work too long they get head aches. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Jan 19, 2005.

Law Proposed To Make WASL No Longer A Graduation Requirement

Today, Senator Julia West introduced Senate bill 5681, which addresses the issue of the WASL as a high school graduation requirement. "The bill is a good one because it helps more students graduate, get better jobs, and focus on their own learning goals, not those set for them by the state," said Senator West. The bill is intended to let schools focus on teaching students according to their individual needs. Senator West believes that it should not only increase the percentage of high-school graduates in the state, but increase the number of students who get a college

education. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

E-Mail Helps Students

Representative Heidi Rew introduced House bill 4872, which addresses the issue of personal e-mail at school. "The bill is a good one because it takes away the problem of students not being able to print their homework at home," said Representative Heidi Rew. This bill will help the students when their printers break, because then they can e-mail their school work to themselves and print it at school. As well as it gives students a chance to inform their teachers of problems they are having. It also will permit the students to have better communication between each other. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 19th, 2005.

Double-Paying For Education

Today, Senator Samuel Pizelo introduced Senate bill 5488, which addresses the issue of public school taxes for private and home schooled students. "The bill is a good one because It does a lot to prevent teenage pregnancy," said Senator Pizelo. Currently, private and home schooling families have to not only pay for their child's education, but pay the State of Washington for their schooling program as well. This introduces a financial burden onto these families, and as our analysis shows, 95% of these financially troubled home or private schooled families have to lower their schooling standards for lack of money. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 18, 2005.

Historical pages

Our legislature has employed pages for many years. These photos are of pages who served in past years. The first female page was June Holbrook, who served in 1937.

